



## **City of Miami Springs, Florida**

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 8, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Rebeca Sosa Theater, 1401 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida/  
Virtual Council Meeting using Communications Media Technology Pursuant to  
Governor's Executive Order 20-69

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:02 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Billy Bain

Vice Mayor Zavier Garcia

Councilman Bob Best

Councilwoman Maria Mitchell

Councilman Walter Fajet, Ph.D.

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero (via Zoom)

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Haydee Sera

Recreation Director Omar Luna

2. **Invocation:** Led by Vice Mayor Zavier Garcia  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Audience led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.
3. **Agenda / Order of Business: None at this time.**
4. **Awards & Presentations: None at this time.**
5. **Open Forum:** The following members of the public addressed the City Council: Dalvis Velasco, 450 Eldron Drive; Brenda Knight, 20 Deer Run.
6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**
  - A) February 22, 2021 – Regular Meeting

**Vice Mayor Garcia moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 22, 2021. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Garcia, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

7. **Reports from Boards & Commissions: None at this time.**

**8. Public Hearings: None at this time.**

**9. Consent Agenda: (Funded and/or Budgeted):**

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Selecting Stonehenge Construction, LLC For The Prince Field Drainage Improvements Project Pursuant To Request For Proposals No. 02-20/21; Approving A Construction Agreement In An Amount Not To Exceed \$57,441.00; And Providing For An Effective Date

**Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Resolution by title.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the recommendation as read. Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Garcia, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

**10. Old Business: None at this time.**

**11. New Business:**

A) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A First Amendment To The Professional Services Agreement With Brenda Knight, A Licensed Franchisee Of Jazzercise, Inc.; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

**City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.**

**After some discussion, Councilman Best moved to defer the Resolution to a later meeting. Vice Mayor Garcia seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Garcia, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

B) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Providing For The Second Amendment To The FY 2020-21 General Fund Budget And Special Revenue Fund Budget To Record Cares Act Funding To Pay The Costs Of The Covid-19 Grocery Card Program And The Purchase Of Temperature Kiosks, Funding For The Purchase Of A New A/C Chiller For The Community Center, To Record Insurance Reimbursement For A Replacement Police Vehicle, And Funding For The Purchase Of A New Vehicle For The Building/Code Department; And Providing For An Effective Date

**City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Garcia, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

C) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving A Continuing Professional Services Agreement With Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. For Architectural And Engineering Services Pursuant To Request For Qualifications No. 01-19/20; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

**Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Resolution by title.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Garcia, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

D) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Approving An Arborist Services Agreement With BTS Land Services, Corp. in An Amount Not To Exceed Budgeted Funds; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

**Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Resolution by title.**

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion, after some discussion, Councilman Best withdrew his motion. Discussion ensued, Vice Mayor Garcia offered an amendment to the contract, as follows:**

- *Vendor be added as an arborist to the current contract*
- *Vendor be prohibited to perform the removal/planting service as the arborist deems as recommended*

**Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution with the Garcia amendment. Vice Mayor Garcia seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Garcia, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

E) **Resolution** – A Resolution Of The Mayor And City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Repealing And Replacing Resolution No 2021-3896; Codesignating A Portion Of Curtiss Parkway Between Deer Run And Pinecrest Drive As “Sebastian Ortiz Way”; Providing For Authorization; And Providing For An Effective Date

**City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.**

**Vice Mayor Garcia moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Garcia, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

**12. Other Business:**

A) Vote of Confidence for the City Clerk as Required by Section 8.01 (1) of the City Charter

**Vice Mayor Garcia moved to give City Clerk Erika Gonzalez a vote of confidence. Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Garcia, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

B) Vote of Confidence for the City Attorney as Required by Section 8.01 (1) of the City Charter

**Vice Mayor Garcia moved to give City Attorney Haydee Sera, and the firm, Weiss Serota a vote of confidence. Councilman Fajet seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Vice Mayor Garcia, Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Fajet, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.**

**13. Reports & Recommendations:**

A) City Attorney

**City Attorney Haydee Sera thanked the City Council for the vote of confidence. She stated that she continues to look forward with working with the Council.**

B) City Manager

**City Manager William Alonso announced that the Miami Springs Community Center has been designated as a FEMA COVID-19 Vaccination site starting next week, more information is forthcoming. He announced that the Woman's Club hosted a meet the candidates event in the upcoming week for the candidates that will be running on April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

C) City Council

**Councilman Best thanked Brenda Knight, of Jazzercise for her time tonight and looks forward to seeing her back. He confirmed with the City Clerk that all precincts will be voting in one location at the Country Club on April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Councilwoman Mitchell thanked the City Manager and Senior Center staff for their continued efforts for vaccinating the City's seniors. She thanked the Woman's Club for holding the Candidate forum recently. She reminded the public that hurricane season is right around the corner, June 1<sup>st</sup>, she said to start preparing and thinking about specific needs especially during the pandemic.**

**Councilman Fajet thanked the Woman's club for the Meet the Candidate event today. He encouraged the public to get vaccinated in order to get things back to normal as quickly as possible. He recognized Carlos Gomez, who spearheads the flags on**

**Curtiss Parkway and the upcoming plans that are in store for this years event. He stated that Saturday from 4pm to 7pm the Lions Club will have their annual lasagna dinner to raise money for a good cause.**

**Vice Mayor Garcia also thanked the Woman' s Club for the Meet the Candidate forum. He reminded that elections are happening on April 6<sup>th</sup>, and encouraged residents to get out and vote. He encouraged the Council to promote Election Day and talk to constituents to get out and vote. He stated that Early Voting is April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall from 8am to 4pm. He thanked the resident that came to speak on her concerns at the Golf Course, he reassured her that the City Staff will have a solution on the issue. He requested a consensus from the Mayor and City Council to recognize two officers from CPO for their education program at ISAAC Academy, he stated that he would like to recognize both of them at the next Council meeting along with his daughter, Addison Garcia.**

**Mayor Bain reminded the public to be patient during the vaccination event coming up. The vaccination program is a Federal Government run event and it is open to everyone in Miami-Dade County not to just residents.**

#### **14. Adjourn**

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

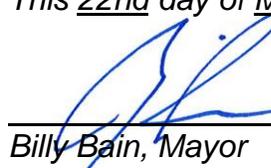
Respectfully submitted:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC  
City Clerk



Adopted by the City Council on  
This 22nd day of March, 2021.

  
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Billy Bain, Mayor

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